



Family Court Project

Bartholomew County

Basic Information

Population:	79,129
County Seat:	Columbus
Judicial Officers:	Hon. Stephen R. Heimann, Hon. James D. Worton, Hon. Kathleen Tighe Coriden, Magistrate Heather M. Mollo, Magistrate Joseph W. Meek, Commissioner Kelly S. Benjamin
Date of Project Implementation:	1/1/2012
Project Judge/s:	Judges Stephen R. Heimann, James D. Worton, Kathleen Tighe Coriden
Administrative Contact:	Magistrate Joseph W. Meek
Project Funding:	FCP Grant plus additional \$20.00 ADR fee allowed by section 33-23-6-3 of the Indiana Code

Family Court Mission Statement

Please provide a mission statement for your Family Court Programming

The Bartholomew County ADR Plan provides parties in family law cases where disputes involving minor children are at issue the opportunity to resolve their differences outside of the traditional, and often adversarial, court process.

Family Court Programming

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The Bartholomew County ADR Plan is designed to refer parties in family law cases where disputes involving minor children are at issue to mediation. The Bartholomew County Judges refer family law parties to mediation on a case by case basis. The Bartholomew County courts have entered into agreements with several local, certified family law mediators to provide mediation services at a reduced cost, or not cost, to those parties with the least ability to pay for the mediation services.

Number of Families Served

Please provide an estimate of the number of families served through the Family Court Programming

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